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SUBJECT:ZAIRIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING SOVIET
THREAT TO ATTENTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL: UK REACTION TO
US RESPONSE.

REF: 1) KINSHASA 9966; 2) STATE 269912; 3) KINSHASA 9827

1. LATE NOVEMBER 14 RICHARD MUIR OF BRITISH EMBASSY CALLED
DEPT TO CONVEY UK REQUEST THAT PROPOSED US RESPONSE (REF 2)
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TO GOZ BE DELAYED TO PERMIT PRIOR US-FRENCH-BRITISH CON-

SULTATIONS ON THE QUESTION. FOLLOWING MUIR'S CALL, WE LEARNED THAT US REPLY HAD ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED (WALKER-CUTLER TELECON NOVEMBER 14 AND REF 1) AND THAT UK AMBASSADOR KINSHASA HAD BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE AND HAD CONCURRED IN OUR ACTION, PRESUMABLY BEFORE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON. WE INFORMED MUIR OF THIS NOVEMBER 15. HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GREATLY CONCERNED THAT WE HAD GONE AHEAD.

2. MUIR ASKED WHAT EXACTLY USG WOULD DO TO SUPPORT A ZAIRIAN LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE TOLD HIM THAT SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION WOULD DEPEND UPON CONTENT AND TIMING OF LETTER AND WOULD BE WORKED OUT IF AND WHEN LETTER SENT. IF ZAIRIAN LETTER SENT, US AND UK MISSIONS TO

UN WOULD CERTAINLY BE IN TOUCH ABOUT IT.

3. IN INITIAL CALL NOVEMBER 14 MUIR SAID UK THOUGHT GOZ MIGHT BE PLANNING TO RAISE QUESTION OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA (RATHER THAN JUST SOVIET THREAT TO ZAIRE). IF THAT WAS THE CASE, UK WOULD REMIND GOZ THAT SUCH A DEMARCHE WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OAU CONCILIATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION OF OCTOBER 24 AGAINST "INTERNATIONALIZING" THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT. KISSINGER

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